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Transportation Committee

August 2, 2013 - 9:30 a.m. MINUTES Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Willis Tower Chicago Illinois

Members Present: Chair Leanne Redden – RTA, Charles Abraham – IDOT DPIT, Reggie Arkell – FTA, Jennifer Becker – Kendall County, Michael Bolton – Pace, Brian Carlson – IDOT District One, Bruce Carmitchel – IDOT OP&P, Lynnette Ciavarella – Metra, Michael Connelly – CTA, Chalen Daigle – McHenry County, John Donovan – FHWA, Luann Hamilton – CDOT, Alicia Hanlon – Will County, Emily Karry – Lake County, Sis Killen – Cook County, Don Kopec – CMAP, Aimee Lee – ISTHA, John Loper – DuPage County, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Steve Schlickman – Academic & Research, Kyle Smith – CNT, Mike Sullivan - Kane County.

Members Absent: Robert Hann – Private Providers, Wes Lujan – Class 1 Railroads, Mike Rogers – IEPA, Joe Schofer – Academic & Research, Peter Skosey – MPC, Steve Strains – NIRPC, Ken Yunker – SEWRPC.

Others Present: Tom Agema, Mike Albin, Andrew Armstrong, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Bruce Christensen, Mark Copeland, Bud Fleming, Jackie Grimshaw, Pete Harmet, Dan Johnson, Valbona Kokoshi, Katie Kukielka, Ed Leonard, Joe Levie, Beth McCluskey, Hugh O'Hara, Brian Plum, Adam Rod, Joy Schaad, Chris Schmidt, David Seglin, Steve Schilke, Ron Shimizu, Brian Umbright, Brian Urbaszewski, Thomas VanderWoude, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak, Barbara Zubek.

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, John Allen, Lindsay Bailey, Garrett Ballard-Rosa, Alex Beata, Nora Beck, Randy Blankenhorn, Annie Byrne, Lafayette Cruise, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Doug Ferguson, Tom Garritano, Lindsay Hollander, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Holly Ostdick, Justine Reisinger, Todd Schmidt, Liz Schuh, Kermit Wies, Drew Williams-Clark.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Committee Chair Leanne Redden called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements None.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – June 7, 2013

On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel and a second by Mr. Loper, the minutes of June 7, 2013 were approved as presented.

4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports

Ms. Redden reported that the Regional Coordinating Committee met on June 12 and recommended approval of the SFY 2014 Unified Work Program (UWP) and continuation of the Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) review procedures. The committee also received an update on the status of the CREATE program from Chicago DOT staff. She noted that the Local Coordinating Committee had not met since the last Transportation Committee meeting.

5.0 FFY 10-15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Redden reminded the committee that due to routine network maintenance activities, the TIP database will be offline from 6:00 pm on Friday, August 2, 2013 through 6:00 am on Monday, August 5.

5.1 FFY 10-15 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications

Ms. Ostdick said that TIP revisions that exceed financial amendment thresholds have been requested. Mr. Connelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carmitchel, to approve the FFY 10-15 TIP Amendments. The motion carried.

5.2 Semi-Annual GO TO 2040/TIP Conformity Analysis & TIP Amendment

Ms. Ostdick provided an overview of the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis and TIP amendment. Mr. Connelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kopec to release the semi-annual GO TO 2040/TIP conformity analysis and TIP amendment for public comment from August 2, 2013 to September 3, 2013. The motion carried.

5.3 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

Mr. Ferguson provided an overview of the proposed FFY 2014-2018 CMAQ Program recommended for release for public comment by the Project Selection Committee (PSC). He reported that following public comment, the PSC would consider the program and make a recommendation to Transportation Committee in September, followed by Regional Coordinating Committee and joint CMAP Board and MPO Policy consideration in October. Mr. Bolton stated that Pace continues to have concerns about the proposed technology and funding for the Indian Harbor Belt Railroad's retrofit project, sponsored by IEPA. He stated that Pace will continue to work with staff to resolve the concerns and will submit comments during the public comment period. Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Loper, to release the proposed FFY 2014-2018 CMAQ program for a public comment period from August 2 to August 26, 2013. The motion carried.

6.0 GO TO 2040 Illiana Corridor Project Plan Amendment

Mr. Maloney provided an overview of the status of the proposed GO TO 2040 plan amendment and the CMAP staff analysis. He highlighted findings on project cost, forecasting methods, performance evaluation, impacts to truck traffic, environmental impacts and local planning efforts. He also noted that following a public comment period, which will include working committee discussions, a staff recommendation will be developed for consideration by the Transportation Committee, Regional

Coordinating Committee, CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. There was discussion regarding traffic projections and no build scenario assumptions, the timing of the amendment request relative to the plan update scheduled for FY 2014 and the fiscal impact of the amendment on GO TO 2040. In response to questions and discussion from committee members, it was noted that this proposed amendment is being considered at this time in response to IDOT's request for consideration and that no projects not included in IDOT's request were being considered. Mr. Bolton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hanlon, to release the proposed GO TO 2040 Illiana Corridor Project Plan Amendment for public comment from August 2 to September 3, 2013. The motion carried.

7.0 Plan Update Process

Mr. Williams-Clark provided an overview of the major tasks for updating GO TO 2040 by October of 2014, including an updated financial plan, major capital projects, implementation matrices and indicators. He stated these tasks would be completed in the spring of 2014. The plan update will be released for public comment in June of 2014. MAP-21 requires approval in October of 2014. He also noted that the update would not include changes to the policy recommendations. Ms. Hollander explained that the financial plan update would include updating revenue and expenditure forecasts and developing an overall funding allocation for the plan, and that conversations with implementers on forecasting assumptions are already underway.

8.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Application Status

Ms. Aleman provided an overview of the applications received during the recent CMAP/RTA joint call for projects and the process for review of the applications. In total, CMAP received 67 applications from across the region. She encouraged committee members to provide input on project applications between now and August 23rd. In response to a question from Mr. Connelly, she noted that the program was being funded with Transportation Planning funds within the UWP. She added that CMAP is presently looking for additional funding to support non-transportation related LTA projects.

9.0 2012 Expressway Atlas

Mr. Schmidt provided an overview of the contents of CMAP's draft 2012 Expressway Atlas, which includes system data, facility data and traffic flow graphics to provide a desktop reference of average annual daily traffic (AADT) volumes and other traffic system statistics and graphics for northeastern Illinois. He noted that there will be annual updates and a full atlas will be published every five years.

10.0 Status of LTA Program and follow up on 2014 Model Plans, Codes & Ordinances Ms. Redden noted that the LTA program status report and a memo on 2014 Model Plans, Codes & Ordinances was included in the meeting agenda and reminded members to contact CMAP staff with additional input, comments and questions.

11.0 Other Business

None.

12.0 Public Comment

Mr. Garland Armstrong stated that CMAP staff were recently seen studying the Harlem and Fullerton intersection. He asked if that study will be extended further down the road. Ms. Wierciak stated that was an Elmwood Park project.

Mr. Brian Urbaszewski of the Respiratory Health Association stated that the CMAQ program was an important program for reducing respiratory health impacts. He stated that there has been a nationwide increase in asthma and COPD, and the rate of occurrence of childhood asthma has increased in African Americans to a rate of one in six. He added that to maximize the effectiveness of federal funding in reducing the health impacts of transportation, the most cost effective projects should be funded. He encouraged the committee to continue to hold on to the core values of the program to reduce emissions through projects like the Indiana Harbor Belt Railway proposal and to not work against projects because of who the sponsor is.

13.0 Next Meeting

Ms. Redden announced that the next scheduled meeting is on September 20, 2013. She added that an additional meeting in September or October will be needed to consider the proposed GO TO 2040 amendment.

14.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Bolton, seconded by Mr. Connelly, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Transportation Committee Mer	mbers:	
Charles Abraham	Robert Hann	Mike Rogers
Reggie Arkell***	Jennifer (Sis) Killen	Steve Schlickman
Michael Bolton	Fran Klaas	Joe Schofer
Bruce Carmitchel	Don Kopec	Peter Skosey
Lynnette Ciavarella	Wes Lujan	Kyle Smith
Michael Connelly**	Randy Neufeld	Chris Snyder
John Donovan***	Jason Osborn	Steve Strains
John Fortmann	Leanne Redden*	Paula Trigg
Luann Hamilton	Tom Rickert	Ken Yunker
Alicia Hanlon	Leon Rockingham	Rocco Zucchero
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